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SUBJECT: GOE SAYS ETS WILL NOT APPLY TO MILITARY FLIGHTS

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Post delivered reftel points with officials from Estonia's Foreign Affairs, Environment, Defense, Transportation, and Economic Affairs and Communications Ministries. In a coordinated GOE response, Andres Arujoa, Chief Executive of the Aviation and Maritime Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, and Kai Luht, Chief Expert of the Climate and Ozone Bureau of the Ministry of the Environment, confirmed that all military flights performed by military aircraft are excluded from the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), but ETS would apply to non-commercial operators, including non-military operations carried out by military aircraft. Luht added the GOE feels CODELs traveling on military aircraft would fall under exception "a" (from the EU directive) and would not fall under ETS. The GOE had no comment regarding the inclusion of N-numbered aircraft in the list of air carriers to be covered by ETS.

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